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In re Application of :
Kari Kirjavainen et al :
Application No. 08/981,360 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: December 18, 1997 :
Attorney Docket No. U 011574-0 :

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 12, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.


The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed April 12, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time were obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). Accordingly, the application became abandoned on July 13, 2006. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on November 15, 2006.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment, (2) the petition fee of \$1,500, and (3) an adequate explanation that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional." Accordingly, the reply to the Office action of April 12, 2006 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1772 for appropriate action in the normal course of business on the reply received February 15, 2007.


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